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Saints and Feasts:

Sunday, July 11, 2021

- 3rd Sunday of Matthew
- Euphemia the Great Martyr
- The All-Praised Olga, Equal-tothe-Apostles, Princess of Kiev

There is an old saying: 'Excesses meet.' Too much fasting and too much eating come to the same end. Keeping too long a vigil brings the same disastrous cost as ... sluggishness... Too much self-denial brings weakness and induces the same condition as carelessness. Often I have seen men who would not be snared by gluttony fall, nevertheless, through immoderate fasting and tumble in weakness into the very urge which they had overcome. Unmeasured vigils and foolish denial of rest overcame those whom sleep could not overcome. Therefore, 'fortified to right and to left in the armor of justice,' as the apostle says (2 Cor. 6:7), life must be lived with due measure and, with discernment for a guide, the road must be traveled between the two kinds of excess so that in the end we may not allow ourselves to be diverted from the pathway of restraint which has been laid down for us nor fall through dangerous carelessness into the urgings of gluttony and self-indulgence.

St. John Cassian

Conferences, Conference Two: On Discernment no. 16; Paulist Press pg. 76, 5th century

Narthex Duty: Anesti Dhima & Ed Franklin

Welcoming Ministry: Melita Green

Orthros Reader: Maria Constantinides

Coffee Hour: Philoptochos

Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



Saint Euphemia the Great Martyr

In 451, during the reign of the Sovereigns Marcian and Pulcheria, the Fourth Ecumenical Council was convoked in Chalcedon against Eutyches and those of like mind with him. After much debate, the Fathers who were the defenders of Orthodoxy, being 630 in number, agreed among themselves and with those who were of contrary mind, to write their respective definitions of faith in separate books, and to ask God to confirm the truth in this matter. When they had prepared these texts, they placed the two

tomes in the case that held Saint Euphemia's relics, sealed it, and departed. After three days of night-long supplications, they opened the reliquary in the presence of the Emperor, and found the tome of the heretics under the feet of the Martyr, and that of the Orthodox in her right hand. (For her life, see Sept. 16.)



Do you work in the city of Chicago? Would you like to attend Weekday Liturgies but cannot because of Work? Join us at St. Basil. 6:30 AM

July

July 7: St. Kyriaki the Great Martyr

July 12: St. Paisios of Mt. Athos

Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil Please check the <u>St. Basil website calendar</u> for updates to above schedule Liturgies are Livestreamed on the <u>St. Basil Facebook Page</u>

Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion 2nd Tone

When You descended to the realm of death, You as Life immortal, rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity; and when You raised the dead from the infernal depths and from the darkness below, all the hosts of heavenly powers proclaimed and cried out to You: O life giving Christ, our God, glory to You.

Apolytikion for Great Martyr Euphemia3rd Tone

O Euphemia, Christ's comely virgin, thou didst fill the Orthodox with gladness and didst cover with shame all the heretics; for at the holy Fourth Council in Chalcedon, thou didst confirm what the Fathers decreed aright. O all-glorious Great Martyr, do thou entreat Christ God that His great mercy may be granted unto us.

Apolytikion for the Church 1st Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion 2nd Tone

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Απολυτίκιον Άναστάσιμον Ήχος β΄

Ότε κατῆλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἅδην ἐνέκρωσας τῆ ἀστραπῆ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον Ζωοδότα Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Απολυτίκιον

Ήχος γ'

Λίαν εύφρανας τούς ορθοδόξους, καί κατήσχυνας τούς κακοδόξους, Ευφημία Χριστού καλλιπάρθενε, τής γάρ Τετάρτης Συνόδου εκύρωσας, ά οι Πατέρες καλώς εδογμάτισαν, Μάρτυς ένδοξε, Χριστόν τόν Θεόν ικέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ημίν τό μέγα έλεος.

Απολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ Ήχος α'

Είς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὖ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογμάτισας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἤθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασίλειον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἱκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Κοντάκιον

Ήχος β΄

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.



Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10

Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; purity, knowledge, by forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους β' 6:1-10 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Άδελφοί, συνεργοῦντες δὲ παρακαλούμεν μη είς κενὸν την χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ δέξασθαι ὑμᾶς - λέγει γάρ, Καιρῷ δεκτῷ ἐπήκουσά σου, καὶ ἐν ἡμέρα σωτηρίας έβοήθησά σοι ίδού, νῦν καιρὸς εὐπρόσδεκτος, ίδού, νῦν ἡμέρα σωτηρίας μηδεμίαν έν μηδενὶ διδόντες προσκοπήν, ΐνα μὴ μωμηθῆ ἡ διακονία· ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ συνιστῶντες ἑαυτοὺς ὡς θεοῦ διάκονοι, ἐν ύπομονῆ πολλῆ, ἐν θλίψεσιν, ἐν ἀνάγκαις, έν στενοχωρίαις, έν πληγαῖς, έν φυλακαῖς, ἀκαταστασίαις, έv έν κόποις, άγρυπνίαις, έν νηστείαις, έν άγνότητι, έν γνώσει, έν μακροθυμία, έν χρηστότητι, έν πνεύματι άγίω, έν άγάπη άνυποκρίτω, έν λόγω άληθείας, ἐν δυνάμει θεοῦ, διὰ τῶν όπλων τῆς δικαιοσύνης τῶν δεξιῶν καὶ άριστερῶν, διὰ δόξης καὶ ἀτιμίας, δυσφημίας καὶ εὐφημίας· ὡς πλάνοι καὶ άληθεῖς. άγνοούμενοι, ώς καὶ έπιγινωσκόμενοι ώς ἀποθνήσκοντες, καὶ ίδού, ζῶμεν ὡς παιδευόμενοι, καὶ θανατούμενοι ώς λυπούμενοι, ἀεὶ δὲ πτωχοί, χαίροντες. πολλοὺς δè ώς πλουτίζοντες · ώς μηδὲν ἔγοντες, καὶ πάντα κατέγοντες.



TO ØEION EYAFFEAION / THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Gospel According to Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear? For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

Έκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 6:22-33 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος: Ὁ λύχνος τοῦ σώματός ἐστιν ό ὀφθαλμός ἐὰν οὖν ὁ ὀφθαλμός σου ἁπλοῦς ή, όλον τὸ σῶμά σου φωτεινόν ἔσται ἐὰν δὲ ὁ όφθαλμός σου πονηρός ή, όλον το σωμά σου σκοτεινὸν ἔσται. εἰ οὖν τὸ φῶς τὸ ἐν σοὶ σκότος ἐστί, τὸ σκότος πόσον; Οὐδεὶς δύναται δυσὶ κυρίοις δουλεύειν ἢ γὰρ τὸν ἕνα μισήσει καὶ τὸν ἕτερον ἀγαπήσει, ἢ ἐνὸς ἀνθέξεται καὶ τοῦ ἐτέρου καταφρονήσει. οὐ δύνασθε Θεῷ δουλεύειν καὶ μαμωνᾶ. Διὰ τοῦτο λέγω ὑμῖν, μη μεριμνατε τη ψυγη ύμων τί φάγητε καὶ τί πίητε, μηδὲ τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν τί ἐνδύσησθε. οὐχὶ ἡ ψυχὴ πλεῖόν ἐστι τῆς τροφῆς καὶ τὸ σῶμα τοῦ ἐνδύματος; ἐμβλέψατε εἰς τὰ πετεινά τοῦ οὐρανοῦ, ὅτι οὐ σπείρουσιν οὐδὲ θερίζουσιν οὐδὲ συνάγουσιν εἰς ἀποθήκας, καὶ ό πατήρ ύμῶν ὁ οὐράνιος τρέφει αὐτά οὐχ ύμεῖς μᾶλλον διαφέρετε αὐτῶν; τίς δὲ ἐξ ὑμῶν μεριμνών δύναται προσθείναι έπὶ τὴν ἡλικίαν αὐτοῦ πῆχυν ἕνα; καὶ περὶ ἐνδύματος τί μεριμνᾶτε; καταμάθετε τὰ κρίνα τοῦ ἀγροῦ πῶς αὐξάνει οὐ κοπιᾶ οὐδὲ νήθει λέγω δὲ ύμιν ὅτι οὐδὲ Σολομὼν ἐν πάση τῆ δόξη αὐτοῦ περιεβάλετο ὡς εν τούτων. Εἰ δὲ τὸν χόρτον τοῦ ἀγροῦ, σήμερον ὄντα καὶ αὔριον εἰς κλίβανον βαλλόμενον, ὁ Θεὸς οὕτως άμφιέννυσιν, οὐ πολλῶ μᾶλλον ύμᾶς, όλιγόπιστοι; μη οὖν μεριμνήσητε λέγοντες, τί φάγωμεν ἢ τί πίωμεν ἢ τί περιβαλώμεθα; πάντα γὰρ ταῦτα τὰ ἔθνη ἐπιζητεῖ οἶδε γὰρ ὁ πατήρ ύμῶν ὁ οὐράνιος ὅτι χρήζετε τούτων άπάντων. ζητεῖτε δὲ πρῶτον τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τὴν δικαιοσύνην αὐτοῦ, καὶ ταῦτα πάντα προστεθήσεται ύμιν.

CLOTHING DRIVE - BUSINESS CASUAL



The Pacific Garden Mission has been providing safe shelter and hot meals to Chicago's homeless, while preaching the Gospel, 365 days a year since 1877.

The mission's New Life program provides participants with tools to rebuild their lives and find permanent housing. Gaining employment is part of this rebuilding.

Let's help these men and women by donating new and gently used business casual clothes for interviews for the job that will help lift them out of poverty.

Large and extra-large sizes most needed. But all sizes are needed and appreciated.

Men's sports jackets, suits, dress shirts, neckties Women's blazers, dress blouses and shirts

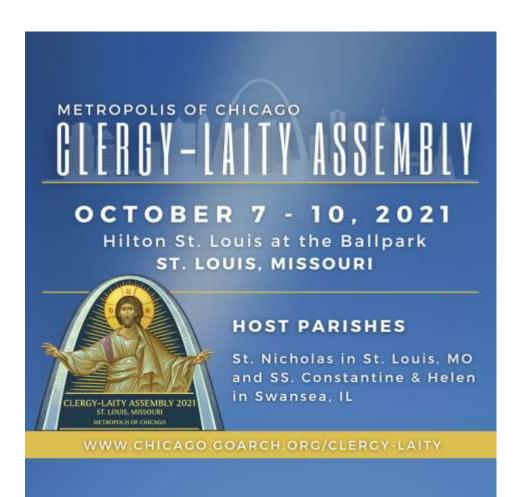
Please bring your donation no later than Sunday, August 1.

This is our fourth clothing drive for PGM. Your generosity has made a difference for the desperate men and women who turn to them for help.

Ladies Philoptochos

New Life Graduates









"My cup overflows with your blessings."

PSALM 23:5

Do you want to celebrate a loved one?

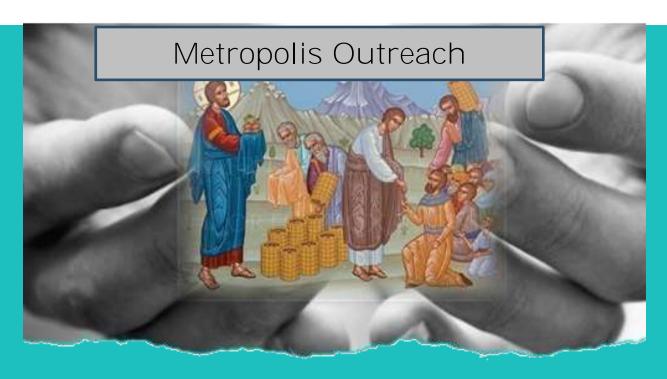
- Birthday
- Nameday
- Anniversary
 - Memorial

Offer a Coffee Hour at St. Basil!

Talk to Core & Leah Kennelly!



Click the Link to volunteer!



CARE KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- -Toothbrush + Paste
- -Sanitary Wipes
- -Body Soap
- -Deodorant
- -Feminine Products
- -Water
- -Granola Bar

HOPE

DINNER BAGS

In a large reusable or paper bag include:

-Pasta/Rice/Lentils - 2lbs.

-Instant Potatoes – 1 box

Cereal/Oatmeal – 1box

Crackers – 1 box

Broth -32 oz.

Canned Vegetables – 2 cans

Canned Meat/Fish or Beans – 2 cans

Peanut Butter - 16 oz.

Fruit Jam – 18 oz.

Pasta Sauce – 16 oz.

Cooking Oil – 24 oz.

Nuts/Granola Bars – 1 pack

Canned Soup/Chili – optional

Powdered Milk - optional

WINTER KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- -Toothbrush + Paste
- -Body Soap
- -Deodorant
- -Handwarmers
- -Winter Gloves
- -Socks
- -Winter Hats

Drop off assembled kits to St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church on Sundays 9am –12pm.

This is an ongoing Metropolis Outreach Project

Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

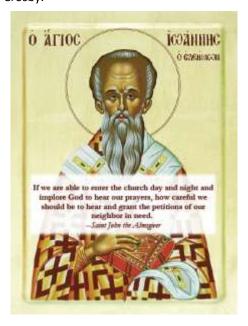
- Sunday, July 11, 8:15am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 3rd Sunday of Matthew
 - -Monday, July 12, 6:30am Early Morning Divine Liturgy for St. Paisios of Mt. Athos
 - -Monday, July 12, 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting
 - Tuesday, July 13, 10:00am Bible Study
- Saturday, July 17, 8:30am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for The Holy Great Martyr Marina
 - Sunday, July 18, 8:15am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 4th Sunday of Matthew
 - Sunday, July 25, 8:15am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 5th Sunday of Matthew
- Sunday, August 1, 8:15am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 6th Sunday of Matthew
 - Monday, August 2, 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
 - Monday, August 2, 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting
 - Tuesday, August 3, 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
 - Wednesday, August 4, 5:30pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
- Thursday, August, 7:00pm Great Vespers for Transfiguration of our Lord Monastery (Harvard, IL monastery)
- Friday, August 6, 6:30 a.m. Early Morning Divine Liturgy for Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Parish News and Events

St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute <u>Almsgiver care</u> <u>packs</u>, blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

- 1. Purchase the items we currently need from our <u>AmazonSmile wishlist</u>. Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.
- 2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can <u>call or email Jewel-Osco</u> and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.



We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter stbasilchicago@comcast.net into your email contacts list. Thanks!

Books for Prisoners - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2021?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

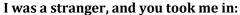
St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church July 2021

| 25 8:15 am | 18 8:15 am | 11 8:15 am | 4 8:15 am | | |
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| n Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the 5th Sunday of Matthew | n Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council | n Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 3rd Sunday of Matthew | Independence Day n Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 2nd Sun- day of Matthew | | Sunday |
| 26 | 19 | 12 6:30 am 7:00 pm | 5 | | |
| | | Early Morning Divine Liturgy for St. Paisios of Mt. Athos Parish Council | Independence Day observed | | Monday |
| 27 | ° 20 | 13 10:00 am | 6 10:00 am | | |
| | | Bible Study | Bible Study | | Tuesday |
| 28 | 21 | 14 | 7 6:30 am 5:30 pm 6:30 pm | | |
| | | | Early Morning Divine Liturgy for St. Kyriaki the Great Martyr Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary Online A.R.E. Class | | Wednesday |
| 29 | 22 | 15 | 8 | 1 | |
| | | | | | Thursday |
| 30 | 23 | 16 | 9 | 2 | |
| | | Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri | Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri | Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri | Friday |
| 31 | 24 | 17 8:30 am | 10 | 3 | |
| | | Orthros and Divine Liturgy for The Holy Great Martyr Marina | | | Saturday |

Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment

For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:

Please donate food for the needy.



Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

Naked, and you clothed me:

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

I was sick, and you visited me:

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: (Send the names of those you wish prayed for

I was in prison, and you came unto me:

Please pray for Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie

Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.

VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.





If You are not receiving the Observer, please contact the Church Office.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

Operational Expenses \$317,700 (860 per day 2021) Stewards Pledged at St. Basil

143 of goal of 190

Dollar Amount Pledged

Dollar Amount Collected

Average Pledge \$1369.24

\$112,639.00 \$195,659.00

Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Percent of Stewards engaged in a Ministry of St. Basil 101 out of 141 (71.63%)



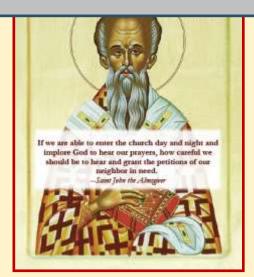
As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.



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Parish Outreach



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- Cloth COVID-19 mask
- 1 winter item (hat, gloves, scarf, etc.)
- 1 long-under wear set
- 2 pairs of single-use warmers (foot and body)
- 1 pair of white tube socks
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 comb
- 6 Band-Aids
- 3 antimicrobial hand wipes
- 1 bottle of water
- 1 granola bar
- 1 gift card (Jewel \$10)
- 2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can <u>call or email Jewel-Osco</u> and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.



Inspired by the impact of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund established during the pandemic, the Metropolis of Chicago announced today the establishment of a new parish advancement initiative – <u>the Mustard Seed Fund</u> – to help drive parish growth through evangelism, welcoming, and outreach.

The Mustard Seed Fund seeks to replicate the successful model of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund, which raised more than \$250,000 for financial assistance to parishes facing economic hardship caused by the pandemic.

To support its objectives and development, the Metropolis of Chicago will seed the new fund with an initial distribution of \$25,000 and will launch and sustain a grassroots fundraising campaign to raise additional donations.

Learn More

Donate Now

